ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) World Bank assisted Agricultural Development Projects (ADPs) are being formulated for the States of Karnataka, Assam and Madhya Pradesh.

(b) to (d) A number of States including Maharashtra have been identified for ADP formulation. The ADP formulation process takes about a year and a half and at present, the World Bank is taking up only 2-3 States at a time for ADP formulation. As the project formulation is currently on in 3 States, namely, Karnataka, Assam and Madhya Pradesh, new States would be taken up for project formulation from the pipeline States, which includes Maharashtra, only after on-going project formulations are over.

Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation

2288. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the salient features of the scheme for Promotion of Agricultural Mechanisation;

(b) the number of farmers benefited by subsidy for purchasing of small tractors;

(c) the number of such farmers from Maharashtra; and

(d) the amount of subsidy is given to each farmer and what is the procedure for getting such subsidy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The salient features of the scheme are as under:

(i) Eligibility of farmers for bank loan for a tractor and ancilliary implements is reduced from the present minimum of 9 acres to 6 acres of perennially irrigated land.

(ii) Repayment period of loan is increased from the present 9 years to 12 years.

(iii) Subsidy of 30% with a maximum limit of Rs. 30,000 on purchase of small tractors below 18 Power Take Off Horse Power and 3 matching implements including a trailer and a seed-cum-fertilizer drill will be given. Subsidy will be available to the farmers having individual perennially irrigated land holding between 6 and 8 acres or to a group of farmers whose aggrigate perennially irrigated land holding is between 6 to 8 acres or corresponding acreage as prescribed for different catagories of land under the concerned State Land Ceiling Act.

(iv) Down payment/margin money will be 15 per cent which would be over and above the subsidy provided by the Government of India.

(v) The loan applications should be evaluated by the banks on a case to case basis after assessing the scope for custom hire, incremental income from the proposal investment including income from custom hire and bankability of the proposals.

(vi) The concessions and subsidy would be available only for tractors below 18 Power Take Off Horse Power and their implements, seed-cum-fertilizer drill, trailer etc.

(b) During the year 1992-93 a sum of Rupees 499.80 lakhs have been released to the States and Union Territories for subsidising 1666 number of tractors under the scheme.

(c) During the year 1992-93 a sum of Rupees 77.1 lakhs were released to the Maharashtra State for subsidising 257 numbers of tractors under the scheme.

(d) A subsidy of 30 per cent with a maximum limit of Rupees 30,000 on purchase of small tractors below 18 Power Take Off Horse Power and 3 matching implements including a trailer and seed-cum-fertilizer drill is given. The farmers identified by the State Governments/ Union Territories and those falling within the purview of the guidelines issued for this scheme, have to submit loan applications to the banks for financing of tractors.

Controlling the Disease of 'Kolshi' in Oranges

2289. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) how many parasites and predators were

released during the current year to suppress crop pest and diseases;

(b) the areas where these were released;

(c) whether these were released in North Vidarbha and South Madhya Pradesh to control the disease of 'Kolshi' in oranges; and

(d) what is the total cost of part (a) above ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) A total of 412 million parasites and predators were released during the current year to suppress crop pests and diseases.

(b) A statement is enclosed (*See below*).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Rs. 8.25 lakhs approximately.

Statement

Releases of parasites and predators during the current year (upto July, 1993) to suppress crop pests and diseases

Sl. No.	State	District	Crop pests	No. released (in Million)
1	Andhra Pradesh	Mehboobnagar, Rangareddy, Medak.	Rice stem borers & Leaf folder cotton boll-warms.	18
2	Gujarat	Surat, Bharuch, Baroda, Valsad, Kheda.	Cotton boll-warms, sugarcane borers.	25
3	Haryana	Faridabad, Panipat, Karnal, Bhiwani, Sirsa.	Cotton boll-warms, sugarcane borers.	92
4	Himachal Pradesh	Kullu, Shimla, Mandi, Kinnaur, Solan.	Apple san jose scale and woolly aphid, maize stem borers.	6
5	Jammu & Kashmir	Jammu.	Rice stem borers and leaf folder, maize stem borers.	36
6	Karnataka	Bangalore, Mandya, Mysore, Kolar.	Rice stem borers and leaf folder, sugarcane borers.	42
7	Madhya Pradesh	Raipur, Durg, Bilaspur, Indore.	Rice stem borers & leaf folder, cotton boll-warms.	31
8	Orissa	Cuttack, Puri.	Rice stem borers & leaf folder, coconut black headed caterpillar.	27
9	Rajasthan	Sriganganagar.	Sugarcane borers, cotton boll-warms.	17
10	Uttar Pradesh	Barabanki, Ghaziabad, Meerut, Lucknow, Deoria.	Rice stem borers & leaf folder, sugarcane borers.	43
11	West Bengal	Burdwan, Hooghly, Nadia, 24 Parganas, Malda.	Rice stem borers & leaf folder.	75
			Total upto July, 1993	412

Study tours of farmers under the Agriculture Extension Programme

2290. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the study tours of farmers are being organised under the Agriculture Extension Programme;

(b) if so, the number of farmers included in this programme during the last three years, year-wise;